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Business Conditions in Chiamussu (130-21, 46-49)

1. Three-fourths of the 300 business shops have been closed by the Communists. Banks like the Yifa, Chenchang, and Chungtai, and firms like Jui Hsiang Company have all been closed. The machinery and equipment of the Wang Tzu Paper Factory and Smoked Fish Factory were removed to Soviet territory. The only currency in circulation in the area is Communist Chungpei currency. The note-printing shop is in the former Manchukuo refrigerator building north of the railway station. Residents are still holding Puppet currency, hoping that it can be exchanged when the Nationalists come to Chiamussu. [redacted] the people have had to contribute cereals. Whenever ten tons are collected the cereal is shipped to North Korea via Tumen (29-49, 42-58).

Mines

2. Approximately 3,400 laborers are employed at the Hokang [Hokang, 130-20, 47-05?] coal mine, in the Hsingshan area (Hsingshanchen, 130-18, [?] 20?). There are eighty Chinese and Koreans employed at the Hsiaoshihtou [?] 57, 46-10?] placer gold mine north of Chiamussu. At the Tutoukantzu [?] shale oil mine five kilometers southwest of the Hsiaoshihtou gold mine there are sixty men working under the direction of three Soviet engineers.

Transportation

3. The railway between Chiamussu and Tumen is in operation. There are 12 locomotives, 317 freight cars, 21 third class coaches, and 2 first and second class coaches being used on the line.
4. The railway from Chiamussu to the Hokang mines, 85 kilometers in length, has been removed by the Soviets.
5. A highway extends north from Chiamussu to Fenghuangchen [130-50, 47-38] through the Hokang coal mine area, a distance of 140 kilometers, and south (from Fenghuangchen or from Chiamussu?) to Tachinchien [Tachinkang, 130-45, 46-20?], a distance of 100 kilometers. Another highway runs westward along the Sungari River to Hsiao (129-33, 46-19) and eastward to Chihsienchien [131-18, 46-45].

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6. There are three air routes from Chiamussu: to Fuchin (131-59, 47-14), 140 kilometers; to Ilan, 75 kilometers; and to Poli (130-30, 45-45), 110 kilometers. Planes are often seen flying over Chiamussu but there is no regular schedule of flights to any of the places named.
7. Chiamussu can be reached from Tungchiang (132-29, 47-39) and Fuchin by steamboat and junk. At Lienchiangkou (130-18, 46-52) all boats are stopped and inspected. Many boats have been commandeered for military use on the lower (upper?) Sungari.
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8. [REDACTED] two Soviet boats, the Yalipo and the Kolinor (Chinese phoneticizations), arrived at Tungchiang with 7,700 small drums of gasoline and 14 machines for pulling up railroad tracks. A Chinese Communist Political Council member received the shipment and entertained the Soviet officers in charge. These same boats moved to Fuchin and took on soya beans and kaoliang for the return trip to Soviet territory.

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